

**Dr Mahathir To Be Investigated Under Penal Code Over Defamatory Statement - IGP  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be called by police for investigation over the alleged defamatory statement he made during the Bersih 4 rally at Dataran Merdeka last weekend.

Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said Dr Mahathir would be investigated under that section for claiming that there were UMNO division heads who received bribes.

He said Dr Mahathir had not been informed about this yet.

"I will inform him myself for his statement to be recorded soon. We need to investigate him (over his remark) as we have received reports."

Khalid said this after opening the International Fire and Security (IFSEC) Southeast Asia Conference and Exhibition at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, here, today.

He said although Dr Mahathir would be called, his status as a statesman would still be respected in carrying out the investigation.

"An offence has allegedly been committed and the task of the police is to investigate based on the standard operating procedure (SOP)," he added.

On another development, Khalid said Malaysian police had asked for mutual legal assistance (MLA) from the Thai authorities to interview former PetroSaudi International executive Xavier Andre Justo who was charged for trying to blackmail and extort the company.

"Police have sent the MLA request to them (Thai authorities) but there has been no feedback yet while the investigation on Justo is still on-going."

The Swiss national was arrested by Thai police on June 22 after PetroSaudi filed a complaint against him and he was sentenced to three years' jail by the South Bangkok Criminal Court on Aug 17.

Meanwhile, the three-day IFSEC 2015 beginning yesterday, features about 350 types of products, among them from Sony, Samsung, Techwin, Dahua, Fingertec and Bricomp, including for crime, terrorism and disaster monitoring.

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